

Welcome

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

January 12 & 13, 2019

Psalms 122:1

The mission of Zion Lutheran
is to better know & show Christ's love.

Worship Whys: Why is this season of the church year called Epiphany? The word "epiphany" comes from a Greek word which means to make known or manifest. In this season of the church year we focus on how Jesus was manifested or shown to be God's own Son and the long awaited Messiah. Many of the lessons for this season of the year focus on Jesus' miracles which demonstrated His power. The first Sunday after Epiphany each year remembers Jesus' baptism. As the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove, God the Father declared Jesus to be his beloved Son.

The Practice of Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we request that only those who are instructed in the sacrament and one with us in faith take part today. Please speak to a pastor if you have a questions about this. The center of the tray holds white non-alcoholic wine.

Our focus today is on the baptism of Jesus. Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John. Jesus did not have any sins that needed to be washed away, but he was baptized to identify with us and to stand with us. We have been washed in the waters of baptism and forgiven by God. May we daily live as God's baptized and forgiven children.

This week at Zion

Sat	12	Adult Bible Class 5:45 PM Worship w/Communion 7 PM
Sun	13	Worship w/Communion 9AM Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM Jr. Confirmation Class 6-8 PM
Wed	16	Chapel 8:05 AM Ladies Bible Class 9 AM Quilting 10 AM Worship SOAR 7 PM
Sat	19	Adult Bible Class 5:45 PM Worship 7 PM Youth Lock –In 6:30 PM
Sun	20	Worship 9 AM Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM Jr. Confirmation Class 6-8 PM

Retable Flowers Many dates are available for calendar year 2019.

Discussion Bible Class led by LeRoy Engelhardt will continue their study of *The Lutheran Difference*. They will meet in the cafeteria after Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Class: On Saturday nights at 5:45 and on Sunday mornings at 10:15 the pastors are looking at the new explanation of the Catechism.

In Sunday School today, the children will hear the message “The Birth of Jesus Foretold.” God favored Mary, choosing her to be the mother of Jesus. God favors us because of Jesus Christ, choosing us to be His children! *Ask your children, “How did God show Mary, and us, His unmerited grace and favor?”*

The Youth Group will be hosting its annual Lock-in on Saturday, January 19th, 2019 for youth in grades 6-12. We will meet in the Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday then attend church together and then return back to the school for the night until 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is asked to bring \$5 and some food to share. The food items will not be intended to feed everyone because everyone will be bringing something. This should give us plenty of variety throughout the night. We are getting sub sandwiches to eat for our main meal. Everyone must have a "Participant Medical Form" on file. You can get them from Pastor Hemme or from the Church office. If you have any questions or to RSVP, call Pastor Hemme at 662-4264. Please RSVP by January 16th to ensure enough supplies and items for everyone. You can also RSVP by signing up by the 7/8 grade room. We need adults to help chaperone. Please let Pastor Hemme know if you can help chaperone for part of the night or the entire night.

Thank you to Pastor Menz and Hemme and to all who visited and kept me in their thoughts and prayers. Kaylene Maxson

Church Camp This year we will be going to **Mitchell** State Park in Cadillac, MI. If you would like to join us, the dates are July 26th-28th 2019. The cost to camp is \$33/night, plus an \$8.00 reservation fee. Please call Colett Dominowski (289-0390) or June Block (835-5378 to “register” with your info including credit card number by January 18, 2019. You may also turn your information in to the church office or email Colett at colettzionbeaver@hotmail.com

Endowment Fund In accordance with the bylaws of the Endowment Fund, the Fund Committee shall distribute or accumulate the income earned by the Fund each year. The Fund Committee is now receiving requests for projects from all organizations of Zion Lutheran Church and School. These projects cannot be used to defray any ordinary or necessary operating expenses of Zion.

All requests must be received in writing using the 2019 Endowment Fund Distribution Request Form. This form may be obtained from the Church secretary. **Please place all requests in a sealed envelope marked “Endowment Fund” and place in the Endowment Committee mailbox in the church basement by February 4th, 2019.** If you have any questions, please call Ted Datte at 450-8935.

IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD): If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA, SEP IRA, SIMPLE IRA or Retirement Account) you know that you must make a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from the account annually starting in the year you turn 70 ½ years of age. But did you know that you can transfer as much as \$100,000 from that account to the Endowment Fund without having to include any of that in your taxable income and that transfer will count toward your Required Minimum Distribution? This Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) will allow the donor to:

- 1) provide immediate financial support to Zion’s Endowment Fund, and
- 2) receive an immediate charitable deduction, and
- 3) by pass income taxes on the amount of the charitable distribution.

If you would like more information about this subject, please contact Ted Datte, Endowment Fund Chairman at 450-8935 or any other member of the committee.

Annual Report: ALL church organizations with church checking accounts must submit a detailed financial report to the Trustees by **January 23, 2019** An electronic version is preferred but not required. Please e-mail your report to office@zionbeaver.com, or bring it to the church office.

Welcome to the Lord’s Family: This weekend we welcome to our heavenly Father’s family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Anaelle Catherine Myers, daughter of Ryan & Ashley Raetz Myers. Sponsor for Anaelle is Amy Raetz-Benner & Brett Benner and Witness is Nick Myers. Brandtley Ried Benner, infant son of Brett & Amy Benner. Sponsor for Brandtley is Ashley Raetz Myers, and Witness is Ryan Myers. Lillian Anne Gentle, daughter of Charles & Sara Gentle. Sponsors for Lillian are Wes & Sarah Kohn. May God who has begun this good work in Anaelle, Brandtley, and Lillian see it to completion in the day of our Lord’s appearing.

Bulletin Sentence: Luke 3:21 – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened ...” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn’t need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism – our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

Pancake/Sausage Breakfast: On Sunday February 3rd, friends of Dennis Hyatt will be holding a free-will offering breakfast benefit for Dennis & Nora. Pancakes, sausage, potatoes, fruit, juice, coffee and sweet rolls will be served from 8 AM—12:30 PM in Zion’s cafeteria. Take-outs will be available.

Church Attendance January 5 & 6, 2019
Saturday: 121 (C92) Sunday: 148 (C114)

Offerings for January 5 & 6, 2019 \$ 9,879.25
(Weekly need is \$11,490.38)

Those serving this week:

Organist: L. Wegener

Altar Guild for January: Norma Jean Koch 989-662-7051

Sat. ELDERS: Mark Steih and Del Marsh

USHERS: Don & Kathy Hilbrandt and Evan & Amy Bickham

Sun. ELDERS: Rick Walter and Ralph Riske

USHERS: Landen Murphy, John Olson and Joey, Steve

Pastors:

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